

**“Holy Men of Mercy”**  
 Join with men from the Cathedral, St. Michael’s and surrounding parishes for the 4th Annual Men’s Retreat

sponsored by  
**the Society of St. Joseph Men’s Group**

Led by Monsignor Thomas Petronek this weekend retreat will consist of talks, meditation, community prayer & discussion, and liturgy.

**Place:** The Lantz Farm of Wheeling Jesuit University, Jacksonburg, WV

**Time:** Friday, April 29 (evening), Saturday, April 30, Sunday, May 1 (till noon)

**Cost:** \$25.00

Contact Tim Bishop at (304) 233-0880, ext 353, or by email at [tbishop@dwc.org](mailto:tbishop@dwc.org) to register.

Don’t miss out, reserve your spot early!!!!

**Weekly Collection**

Envelopes: \$2,995    Loose: \$1,173.95

Online: \$263

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**Sunday Masses:** 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.  
**Weekday Mass:** 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.  
**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound:** Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

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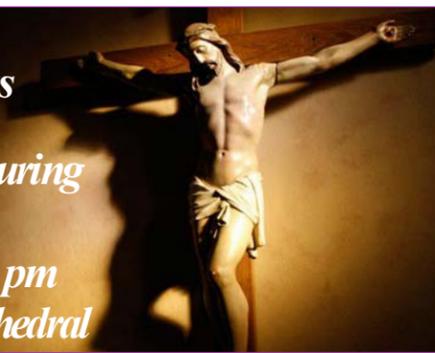
gift is shown by following the teachings of Jesus as exemplified by the Sermon on the Mount. Shouldn’t we accept this gift with open arms?

“Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.” Charles Dickens

*“Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit”*  
 Alex J. Nagem

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays during Lent  
 At 6:00 pm  
 in the Cathedral



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Easter Sunday**  
 following the 10:30 am Mass  
 in the Stations of the Cross Garden  
**Everyone is Welcome!**



*Il Corriere del Duomo*

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

*Lenten Pilgrimage to be Held this Week*

With the theme “Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy,” the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Lenten pilgrimages will be held March 9 at our cathedral.

Organized by the diocesan Office of Worship and Sacraments, the pilgrimages will present the opportunity for Catholics to come together in prayer during the season of Lent. The pilgrimage will begin with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance at 6 p.m. with various priests in the area available to hear confessions. Mass will follow at 7 p.m.

This is a special time for the pilgrimages to be held as the church has begun the celebration of the Year of Mercy, said Bernadette Kime, director of the Office of Worship and Sacraments. They present a unique opportunity, she said, for people to gather in prayer, focusing upon God’s boundless mercy and love.

“We encourage people to attend one of the Lenten pilgrimages in order to celebrate the Year of Mercy,” Kime said. “The theme of all three pilgrimages is of course God’s abundant mercy. ... We are excited about these pilgrimages and ask that parishes consider making them part of their Lenten activities. Perhaps even traveling to the pilgrimage sites together as a group.”

This year’s pilgrimage will also feature guest homilist Jesuit Father James Fleming, president of Wheeling Jesuit University.

Father Fleming began his service as the 10th president at Wheeling Jesuit University July 1, 2013. Prior



**Pictured is the 2015 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage**

to his appointment as president, Father Fleming served as the executive vice president of Wheeling Jesuit from 2010-13, overseeing the university’s operations and provid-



**Father James Fleming, SJ**

ing strategic leadership for program development, implementation and assessment.

Father Fleming previously worked at Boston College as a faculty member in the Lynch School of Education and as director of Mission Assessment and Planning, where he led a national research project related to the spiritual development of college students through the design and administration of the Boston College Questionnaire about the Undergraduate Experience (BCQ).

Additionally, Father Fleming has served as a lecturer at the University of San Francisco, as the director of the University Academy, a university-school-community partnership in San Francisco, Calif., and as an instructor of urban education at Santa Clara University. He is the author of numerous articles and publications, and holds a doctorate in educational policy, organization, measurement and evaluation from the University of California, Berkeley.

## Christian Awareness

By Alex Nagem

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference." Thomas Merton

How do you show gratefulness for all of which you have been blessed? Do you share with family and others without being asked? Do you open the doors to your home to anyone in need? I have known and still know many who can answer yes to the last two questions. In both, something of value is given. It may be of little monetary value or of great price. Their doors are open to all in need. They provide a family setting for children without responsible parents who are destined to foster care. With arms wide open, the homeless are given a meal, can bathe, and have a warm place to rest when no other shelter is available. All is given freely with no expectation of anything in return.

The following comes from a happy and formative time in my life. In our teen years, well almost teen for me, my mom took my brother, sister and me to Lebanon to visit relatives we only knew from pictures and letters. During our three month

summer vacation we were welcomed into homes of relatives and people who were not related to us but treated us like family, always offering us food and drink. The trip was educational as well. One of our side trips was to Jerusalem to visit religious sites. One of the sites visited was the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It was a sunny and warm day when we walked down a narrow road to the Church. We passed a home where several women were talking on the small side porch. One of the ladies spoke to my mom in Arabic. She said hello and asked my mom if we would like some water to drink. We were grateful for the cool water. I asked my mom why these ladies would offer us anything when they didn't know us and we never asked for anything. She said some people are grateful for what they have and are happy to share with those who may be in need. I don't remember asking my mom any other questions about the ladies. But I do remember the enjoyment of having water poured in my mouth from a glass porrom. This may be one reason why I remember these ladies. More than a decade later when I had returned to Israel for a visit, I walked the same side road to the Church of the Nativity. I passed the same home. There were a couple men and women sitting in front of the home talking. I said hello in English. They asked if I was thirsty and would like a piece of Ka'ak which is bread that looks like a large bagel with sesame seeds on top. The water and bread were appreciated. After a short conversation, I thanked them for the water and piece of Ka'ak.

## Being Grateful

They would not take money for their offerings. They just continued to say God bless you and shake my hand. I left them with my own blessing from God and heartfelt thanks. The road I was on became very narrow leading to the Church of the Nativity. If you were driving in a car, there is a point when you would have to be careful not to scrape the sides of any homes. The shape of the road was like a funnel leading to the Church. This home was at the beginning of the narrow part of the street. It was a perfect spot to talk to people and offer food and drink. This was a time before someone thought of charging for water in a plastic bottle. There were no restaurants or street vendors on this side road, so the water and bread would have a value to anyone thirsty and hungry. The giving of something that has a value without asking for anything in return becomes a gift. With no price to pay or service to perform the person receiving the gift knows it is freely given. This gift provides happiness and gratefulness to the one giving the gift and the one receiving the gift. In this case, the gift was freely offered. You could refuse the gift of food and water, but why would you? It is something all would need on this road to the Church of the Nativity.

"You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command, 'you shall open wide your hand to your

brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'" Deuteronomy 15:10-11.

When we are grateful for what God has given, do we kneel in front of Our Lord in the Tabernacle to pay homage and give thanks? Do we humble ourselves in the site of God by our actions in church? Can we be as humble and grateful for what we have as the one who would kiss the foot of the Minister who serves and opens the door to their home to all in need? Life has a value to us no matter how much we complain about jobs, bills, taxes and daily stresses. These are stresses that will pass. A life with God has an everlasting value. Some may need to be reminded which life has a greater value.

Since we hold a life with God as something of value, shouldn't we freely care for those in need as exemplified by the life of Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ was freely given to us by God the Father. Though Jesus asked while praying in the Garden of Olives if the cup may be taken from him, he did suffer for our redemption and salvation. I look upon Jesus Christ as a gift of forgiveness for a life in Heaven. With this valuable gift, shouldn't we be grateful and happy? The offer of bread and water to those on a pilgrimage to the Church of the Nativity who are thirsty and hungry is a gift needed to continue their journey. I look upon the suffering and resurrection of Jesus Christ and receiving the Eucharist as a gift needed to continue our journey down the narrow road on our pilgrimage to Heaven. Our gratefulness for this valuable

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## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—March 6th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Station Church of Rome: Santa Croce in Gerusalemme

Sat 6:00p Mass for the Parishioners  
8:00a Mass for John Sheets  
9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
10:30a Mass for Roxanne Reed  
Second Scrutiny  
RDGS: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Monday—March 7th—Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Station Church of Rome: Ss. Quattro Coronati

12:05p Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie  
RDGS: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b  
Jn 4:43-54

**Perpetua**, a noble lady, and **Felicity**, her slave, died at Carthage in 203 under Septimus Severus; both mentioned in the Roman Canon.

**Tuesday—March 8th—Saint John of God, Religious**

Station Church of Rome: S. Lorenzo in Damaso

12:05p Mass for Dolores Perri  
RDGS: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16  
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

**John of God**, died 1550 in Granada; shepherd, soldier, and entrepreneur before his conversion at age 42; laid foundation for the Order of Hospitallers today numbering about 1,200 religious; patron of hospitals and the sick, of nurses and booksellers.

**Wednesday—March 9th—Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

Station Church of Rome: S. Paolo fuori le Mura

12:05p Mass for Earl Braunlich  
RDGS: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18  
Jn 5:17-30  
6:00p Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

**Frances** died 1440; noblewoman, wife, and mother; founded a community of Benedictine women oblates committed to serving the poorest of poor; patroness of widows and motorists.

**Thursday—March 10th—Fourth Week of Lent**

Station Church of Rome: Ss. Silvestro e Martino

12:05p Mass for Mary Beth King  
RDGS: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

**Friday—March 11th—Fourth Week of Lent**

Station Church of Rome: S. Eusebio all'Esquilino

11:15a Confession  
12:05p Mass for Dolores Miller  
6:00p Stations of the Cross  
RDGS: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday—March 12th—Fourth Week of Lent**

Station Church of Rome: S. Nicola in Carcere

9:00a Mass for Mike Driscoll  
Rosary  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for Francie K. Martin and  
Eve Purpura  
RDGS: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday—March 13th—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Station Church of Rome: S. Pietro in Vaticano

8:00a Mass for the Parishioners  
9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
10:30a Mass for Eugene Pleva  
Third Scrutiny  
RDGS: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

## Lent and Holy Week Schedule

**All Fridays during Lent**

6:00p Stations of the Cross

**Feast of Saint Joseph—March 19**

9:00a Mass

**Palm Sunday—March 20**

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

**Monday of Holy Week—March 21**

12:05 p.m. Mass

**Tuesday of Holy Week—March 22**

12:05 p.m. Mass  
4:00 p.m. Chrism Mass

**Wednesday of Holy Week—March 23**

12:05 p.m. Mass  
6:00p Tenebrae Service

**Holy Thursday—March 24**

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday—March 25**

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday—March 26**

9:00 a.m. Decorating Cathedral for Easter  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—March 27**

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass